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For: OLIGOMERIC CARRIER MOLECULES WITH DEFINED INCORPORATED
MARKER GROUPS AND HAPTENS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 5, 1997

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 5, 1997, a Petition for Extension of Time for one month from August 5, 1997, to September 5, 1997, being attached hereto, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

-- 1. (Amended) Conjugate comprising a polymeric carrier with a maximum of 100 monomeric units which contains 1-10 hapten molecules and 1-10 marker or solid phase binding groups coupled to reactive side groups at predetermined positions on the carrier, wherein the monomeric units are selected from amino acids, nucleotides and